

reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 13.

NIH

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on activities of the National Institutes of Health, after receiving testimony from Ruth Kirschstein, Deputy Director, Judith Vaitukaitis, Director, National Center for Research Resources, Donald Lindberg, Director, National Li-

brary of Medicine, Claude Lenfant, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Stephen I. Katz, Director, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, William Paul, Director, Office of AIDS Research, Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Duane F. Alexander, Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, all of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 3041–3057; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 148–150, and H. Res. 374 and 377 were introduced. **Pages H1985–86**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 2776, to establish the Federal Aviation Administration as an independent establishment in the executive branch, amended (H. Rept. 104–475, Part I);

H. Res. 375, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 1561, to consolidate the foreign affairs agencies of the United States; to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; and to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (H. Rept. 104–476); and

H. Res. 376, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism (H. Rept. 104–477); and

H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, amended (H. Rept. 104–469, Part II). **Pages H1958, H1984**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Gillmor to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Temporary Statutory Debt Increase: By a yeand-nay vote of 362 yeas to 51 nays, Roll No. 48, the House passed H.R. 3021, to guarantee the continuing full investment of Social Security and other Federal funds in obligations of the United States.

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Agreed to the technical amendment made in order by the rule.

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H. Res. 371, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

Pages H1781–87

C-17 Aircraft: Objection was heard to a unanimous-consent request that it be in order, during the consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, to consider the Obey amendment relating to the C-17 aircraft submitted as though it were the amendment specified as number 4 in House Report 104–474, except that the time for debate be limited to 20 minutes. **Page H1808**

Omnibus Appropriations: By a yeand-nay vote of 209 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 55, the House passed H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget.

Pages H1808–H1958

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions

to report it back forthwith containing an amendment that sought to strike provisions providing funding for general operating expenses for the Department of Veterans Affairs (rejected by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 228 noes, Roll No. 54).

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Agreed To:

The Istook amendment that requires private groups receiving Federal funds (other than State, local, and tribal governments) to disclose the amount and grantee identification number of each Federal grant received; and to make a "good faith" estimate of their organization's actual expenditures for lobbying activities for the most recent taxable year (agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 52); and

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The Crapo amendment that establishes a permanent "Deficit Reduction Lockbox Account" for the purpose of creating a series of lockboxes to capture savings from floor amendments that cut spending in order to reduce the Federal budget deficit (agreed to by a recorded vote of 329 ayes to 89 noes, Roll No. 53).

Pages H1951–56

Rejected:

The Lowey amendment that sought to delete provisions permitting States to decide whether to use Medicaid funds to pay for an abortion in the case of rape or incest (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 222 noes, Roll No. 51).

Pages H1942–47

H. Res. 372, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 235 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 50).

Pages H1793–H1808

Agreed to the Dreier technical amendment (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 49).

Pages H1806–07

White House Travel Office Investigation: House agreed to H. Res. 369, to provide to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight special authorities to obtain testimony for purposes of investigation and study of the White House Travel Office matter.

Pages H1959–64

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of March 11.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 8, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 13.

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Solid Waste Land Disposal: House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2036, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to make certain adjustments in the land disposal program to provide need-

ed flexibility—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H1965–66

Presidential Message—National Security Strategy: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits a report on the National Security Strategy of the United States—referred to the Committee on National Security.

Pages H1966–67

Supplemental Report: Agreed to a unanimous-consent request that the Committee on Agriculture be permitted to file a supplemental report on H.R. 2202, Immigration and the National Interest Act of 1995, to include a cost estimate as required under clause 2(1)(3) of rule XI.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Obey wherein he resigns as a member of the Joint Economic Committee.

Subsequently, announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Hinchey and Maloney to the Joint Economic Committee.

Pages H1981–82

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1777 and H1959.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1792, H1807, H1807–08, H1946–47, H1951, H1955–56, H1957–58, and H1958. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies continued appropriations hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Department of Energy and other programs. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.